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(57) Abstract: A process for preparing perindopril (III) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises a substituted benzyl ester of (2S,3aS,7aS)-octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid (I) with N-[(S)-carbethoxybutyl]-(S)-alanine (II) where R represents a halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy or nitro substituent.

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